

**FIRST HILL PARKING WORKGROUP: 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE FOCUS**  
**OPPORTUNITY IDENTIFICATION**  
**NOVEMBER 20, 2002**  
**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**DRAFT SUMMARY**

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**Focus Group Goals:**

The goals of the “Making the Parking System Work” program for the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue focus area are to:

- ◆ Develop a plan and implement a desirable combination of on-street parking regulations for customers, residents and institution users on First Hill
- ◆ Explore opportunities to better utilize the neighborhood’s limited off-street parking opportunities through car-sharing, lot-sharing, education, outreach, and other transportation demand management tools
- ◆ Use 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue’s issues as an introduction for future efforts to address neighborhood-wide parking and mobility concerns

**Attendees:**

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of the meeting was to review neighborhood opportunities to increase the supply of on-street parking spaces and explore adding new parking regulations. Many of these opportunities were identified during the walking tour on September 30, 2002.

**Opportunity Plan:**

*Load Zones*

- ◆ Next Steps:
  - City staff will develop a database of load zones (location, business name, contact person)
  - A mailing will be sent to businesses with load-zones detailing the efforts of the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Focus group and how load zones can be removed/added.
  - Following the mailing, the Focus Group will have a “load zone” day where businesses are approached directly by group members and City staff about removing unnecessary load zones.

*Parking Meters*

- ◆ Meghan Shepard presented information on the City’s 2003 Meter Installation Project. Currently, the City is in the process of identifying neighborhoods where the expansion or installation of meters would be an appropriate and effective tool to achieve the

neighborhood's goals. A preliminary list of installation areas will be presented to the City Council in January 2003. The 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Focus Group has expressed interest in parking meters to increase turnover within commercial areas. Staff will provide an update at the Focus Group's next meeting in January.

### *Angled Parking*

- ◆ To date, the City has preliminarily identified the following locations as being sufficiently wide (42 feet) to accommodate back-in angled parking on one side of the street:
  - the north side of Marion from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>
  - the south side of Columbia from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>
  - the east side of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Marion to Jefferson
- ◆ Next Steps:
  - City staff will finalize the eligible streets, create a block-by-block database of addresses and property owners, and create petition forms that, if signed, would approve the conversion of parallel to angled parking and the installation of time-limit restrictions (where none currently exist).
  - When the materials are available, members of the working group will "divide and conquer" the property owners to obtain the signatures.
  - As community members identify streets for angled parking (i.e., Mr. Jeney's recommendation to investigate Fir between 11<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>), staff will conduct research to determine eligibility and complete the above process.

### *Residential Parking Zones*

- ◆ Information requested:
  - Bill Zosel requested information on the statistics related in to the increase in the number of permits that have been issued in Residential Parking Zones ((RPZs) 7 and 2. Staff will investigate and obtain that information.
  - The idea was raised to add evening restrictions to existing zones. According to SDOT's Traffic Controls division, this would require the creation of a new zone and a new study. The area requesting the new RPZ hours would need to be at least five contiguous blocks in size and meet the City's other requirements. To proceed, the neighborhood would need to request a study and would then be placed on the City's RPZ Waiting List. There are at least two other neighborhoods on the waiting list at this time.
  - Paul Jeney requested that the City be notified about rotting wooden signposts that support Zone 7 signs. Frequently the signposts are rotting and falling over. Neighborhood residents are unsure what to do when this occurs. He asked that information be provided to residents about what to do when a RPZ sign needs repair or replacement.

### **Next Steps:**

- ◆ The existing parking regulation map and opportunity maps will be posted on the City's website in late 2002.
- ◆ Staff will prepare the above-mentioned information required for implementation of the proposed changes and sign repairs. The information will be made available to Focus Group participants at a meeting to be scheduled in mid-January 2003. At that time, strategies for gaining signatures will be planned.